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1. On 23 June 1954, 15 to 20 tents, each for approximately 12 soldiers, were observed at the Schoenow training area in Jagen (forest section) No. 52. A sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets was seen on the Schoenow-Schoenwalde road. On 25 June, trucks                      each occupied by 10 to 15 soldiers with carbines and steel helmets, were seen in the training area, and 4 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, each occupied by 8 soldiers, were seen near Moosfuhl. All the soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck                      were seen. Several groups of 15 to 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen in position on the Schoenow-Schoenwalde road. The soldiers were equipped with carbines, machine guns, and light field equipment. Between 25 and 28 June, intensive firing of tanks, artillery pieces, and machine guns was heard from the direction of the training area. It was the impression that a major exercise involving all kinds of weapons was conducted. 25X1
2. On 3 July, intensive vehicular traffic toward the town and the autobahn approach road was observed on Wandlitzer Chaussee in the vicinity of Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241) in Bernau. Trucks                      were seen. 25X1
3. At about 1300 on 26 June, a column coming from the west and going toward the east passed through Wensickendorf. The column consisted of about 20 motor vehicles, including 2 jeeps, and several trucks and radio vehicles. Motor vehicle                      were observed. At about 2200 on 24 June, 1 jeep and 1 truck occupied by soldiers stopped in Wensickendorf. On 24 and 25 June, the soldiers constructed an overhead two-wire telephone line. On 26 June, it was determined that the line ran through Wensickendorf. It came from the direction of Stolzenhagen and extended as far as Lehnitzer Bruecke in Oranienburg via Schmachtenhagen. In Schmachtenhagen, the line was joined by another two-wire line which came from the direction of Bernowsee and ran toward Oranienburg. 25X1

Comment. According to observations in the present report, units of the 6th Gds Mech Div held exercises in the area west of Bernau between 23 June and early July. The telephone line was constructed by the 118th Sig Regt of the Fourth Gds Mech Army. 25X1

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